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October 3, 1985

The Honorable Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

When anti-communist resistance leaders from Angola, Afghanistan, Laos and Nicaragua met at a Democratic International in Jamba, Angola, this past June, they issued a Declaration which read in part: "We (are) free peoples fighting for our national independence and human rights.... We pledge our lives, our treasures, and our honor on behalf of this everlasting cause...."

In your own letter to the organizer of the International, you wrote: "Those of us lucky enough to live in democratic lands have to be moved by the example of men and women who struggle every day, at great personal risk, for rights that we have enjoyed from birth. Their goals are our goals."

Now after four months the headquarters at Jamba, which was host to the meeting and is home to 10,000 members and supporters of the freedom fighters of UNITA, is threatened. Soviet officers, Cuban soldiers and pilots, and East European technical and intelligence specialists are directing a full-scale offensive by armies carrying the flag of the Angolan communist government. They aim at the destruction of the democratic opposition, led by Dr. Jonas Savimbi and constituting the effective governing force in more than one third of the country. And they undoubtedly aim to achieve this before your November summit with General Secretary Gorbachev so as to diminish the strengths which you bring to the negotiating table as leader of the democratic world.

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Mr. President, we should support the freedom fighters of Angola against the foreign communist troops and secret police which are the guarantor of the regime. UNITA's goals are our goals and their fight is our fight. Yet we give them nothing: not weapons, not supplies, not diplomatic recognition or support. The Senate and the House recently removed the self-imposed barrier to such assistance, the Clark Amendment. Our colleague Claude Pepper has just introduced H.R. 3472, a bill to authorize humanitarian aid to UNITA, and he has our complete support. Now we respectfully urge you to act -- in whatever manner you deem appropriate -- to make material assistance available to Savimbi's organization.

For ten years the U.S.S.R. and Cuba have worked to transform Angola into a Marxist-Leninist state and another base for their own operations in Africa and the South Atlantic. UNITA has greatly inhibited these designs. Now the Soviet Union and its Caribbean client would drive the Angolan resistance to the wall. We believe the time has come for the United States to materially support Savimbi and UNITA.

Very respectfully yours,

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